

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-6 and 8-23 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) ~~An Identification~~ identification means, said identification means including a first identification portion relating to data of a secure or confidential nature in the form of one or more images, characters and/or text, a second identification portion removably located directly on top of at least a part of said first identification portion to at least partially mask the first identification portion until said second identification portion has been removed therefrom, said second identification portion also being in the form of one or more images, characters and/or text, and wherein the second identification portion is provided in overlapping relationship on said first identification portion so that the combination of the first and second identification portions forms a further one or more images, characters and/or text different in appearance to said first and second identification portions, the first and second identification portions being undecipherable from the further one or more images, characters and/or text until the second identification portion has been removed, and wherein at least one further removable portion or coating is applied over at least a part of said first and second overlapping identification portions, wherein said first and second identification portions are unique in form, wherein text, characters and/or images of said first identification portion are misaligned relative to those of said second identification portion to create a further image, character and/or text which is different in appearance to said first and second identification portions.

Claim 2 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is formed from an abradable material which is irreversibly removable from the first identification portion.

Claim 3 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is located with a whole or substantial part of said first identification portion.

Claim 4 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is provided under or below the first identification portion.

Claim 5 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is provided on top of or above the first identification portion.

Claim 6 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is different in appearance to the first identification portion.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim [[7]] 1 wherein the at least one further removable portion or coating is applied to a whole of substantial part of said first and second identification portions.

Claim 9 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim [[7]] 1 wherein the further removable portion includes one or more layers of abradable material.

Claim 10 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim [[7]] 1 wherein at least a third identification portion is provided on the further removable portion.

Claim 11 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 10 wherein the third identification portion is visible to a user viewing the identification means.

Claim 12 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 10 wherein the third identification portion relates to or is associated with one or more images, characters and/or text provided on the identification means.

Claim 13 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 12 wherein the one or more images, characters and/or text are separate to and/or independent of said first and/or second identification portions.

Claim 14 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 10 wherein the third identification portion is formed from abradable material.

Claim 15 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the identification means are any of a carrier, telephone card, promotional game, ticket, pin card, label, scratch card, brand protection process or lottery ticket.

Claim 16 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the identification means is provided with attachment means for attaching the same to an article.

Claim 17 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 16 wherein the attachment means includes an adhesive provided thereon.

Claim 18 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the first identification portion is printed onto the identification means.

Claim 19 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein a holographic image is provided on said identification means.

Claim 20 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the first identification portion includes a resin containing material.

Claim 21 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion includes a resin and wax containing material.

Claim 22 (currently amended) ~~The Identification~~ identification means according to claim [[7]] 1 wherein the further removable portion includes a wax containing material.

Claim 23 (currently amended) A method of manufacturing identification means, said method including the steps of providing a first identification portion relating to data of a secure or confidential nature on a base member, providing a second identification on the base member directly on top of and in overlapping relationship to said first identification portion to cover at least a part of said first identification portion so that the combination of the first and second identification portions forms a further one or more images, characters and/or text different in appearance to said first and second identification portions, said first and second identification portions in the form of one or more images, characters and/or text, the first and second identification portions being undecipherable from the further one or more images, characters and/or text until said second identification portion is removed from said first identification portion, and wherein at least one further removable portion or coating is applied over at least a part of said first and second overlapping identification portions, wherein said first and second identification portions are laid down substantially simultaneously, wherein said first and second identification portions are randomly computer generated.

Claim 24 (original) Identification means according to claim 23 wherein the first and second identification portions are applied to the identification means substantially simultaneously during manufacture.